

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, January 21, 2011

10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Brownsburg Fire Territory
470 E. Northfield Drive
Brownsburg, IN 46112

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Valentine (Municipal Fire)
Myron Mackey (EMTs)
Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)
G. Lee Turpen II (Paramedic)
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)
Rick Archer (State EMS Director)
Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)

MEMBERS ABSENT: D William Rutherford (Emergency Physicians)
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire EMS)

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Bare, Mara Snyder, IDHS Staff

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:07 by Chairman Gary Miller.

No action was needed by the Commission. No action was taken.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

For both September 24, 2010 and November 19, 2010

Commissioner Olinger made a motion to adopt the September 24, 2010 minutes as written. Commissioner Turpen seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner Mackey made a motion to adopt the November 19, 2010 minutes as written. Commissioner Turpen seconded. Motion passed.

State EMS Director Report

Commissioner Archer reported that the online certification and testing will be in a Beta phase within the first quarter of 2011, with full implementation in the second quarter of 2011. Commissioner Archer reviewed the process of on-line recertification with the Commission Members and asked for volunteers to Beta test the new system in the first quarter of 2011.

Commissioner Archer stated that he is participating in a study by NASEMO. The study "snapshot," is to get an idea of the EMS status and situation in all fifty states and seven territories of the United States.

Commissioner Archer stated that the EMS-Vision for the Future is on hold due to date conflicts and grant funding issues.

Commissioner Archer announced the IDHS will be using the WebEOC to distribute information to the EMS Community beginning March 1, 2011.

Personnel Certification Report

Renewed certifications as of January 2011

Basic EMT	215
Advanced EMT	20
EVOC Drivers	41
EVOC Instructors	5
First Responders	78
Paramedics	40
Primary Instructors	1
Intermediate EMT	4
Total	404

STAFF REPORTS:**EMS Personnel Waiver Request**

The following requested a waiver for their certifications to be reinstated due to submitting in-service late. All training was completed prior to expiration. All expired 01-01-11. Staff recommended approval.

Baldwin, Stephen D.	(B)
Barrabee, David	(R)
Briar, Kent A.	(P)
Carter, Steven	(A)
Cox, Mark T.	(B)
Hertel, Matt	(R)
Hook, Charrisse A.	(B)
Johnson, Lyndsey R.	(B)
Kinsey II, Max	(R)
McCreery, Amy	(B)
Tribble, Tony Ray	(R)

Commissioner Mackey offered a motion to approve the waivers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olinger. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of their certifications' expiration due to submitting their in-service late. All training was completed prior to expiration. All expired 10-01-10. Staff recommended approval.

Bolinger, Brian	(R)
Grover, Mike	(R)
Hanje II, Robert W.	(B)
Jacks, Sean	(R)
Jordan, Steve	(R)
Lintzenich, Mark A.	(B)
Livingston, Robert S.	(B)
Pape, Roletta L.	(B)
Peterson Jr., Vernon R.	(R)
Pesaresi, Anthony W.	(R)
Reyes, Elvin	(R)
Reyes, Irene	(R)
Ritsema, Donald L.	(B)
Rolfes, Michael P.	(R)
Stigdon, Jay R.	(B)
Stiles, Jason M.	(B)
Van DePutte, Ken	(R)
Wellman, Pamela S.	(B)
Williams, Chad E.	(B)
Zimmerman, Danielle A.	(B)

Commissioner Olinger offered a motion to approve the waivers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mackey. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of their certifications' expiration due to submitting their in-service late. All training was completed prior to expiration. All expired 07-01-10. Staff recommended approval.

Garibay, Bryant (R)
Kichner, Anna M. (B)

Commissioner Mackey offered a motion to approve the waiver requests. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turpen. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver extension of the 836 IAC 4-9-4 (b) Deadline for in-service hours/skills requirements & waiver of deadline due to late. Staff recommended denial.

Murphy, James M. (P) expired 4/1/2006

Commissioner Olinger offered a motion to deny the waiver based on staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion passed.

Abramson, Michael A. (P) expired 1/1/2011

Commissioner Mackey offered a motion to approve the waiver of an extension to acquire in-service. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Turpen. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-4-2 (d) deadline for accruing in-service hours/skills requirements & 836 IAC 4-4-2 waiver of agency deadline due to late submission. Staff recommended denial.

Glasgow, Jaclyn (B) expired 4/1/2010

Commissioner Turper offered a motion to deny the extension based on staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Archer. The motion passed to deny.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-5-2 (1) deadline for purpose of completing testing requirements. Staff recommended approval.

Black, Vicki (B) Deadline 12/1/2010
Completion to be prior to 1/21/2011

Commissioner Valentine offered a motion for approval for ninety (90) days. Commissioner Archer seconded. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-5-2 (1) deadline for the purpose of completing testing requirements. Staff recommended approval, with approval of TI and PI of current course.

Eberhardt, Robert (P) Failed PI exam three times, retaking PI course as remediation and wants to 'roll over' previous pre-conditional testing and internship to new course.

Commissioner Turpen offered a motion to approve based on staff's recommendation. Commissioner Mackey seconded. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-7-2 (2) for purpose of gaining affiliation with ALS Provider to meet requirement.

Haisley, Michael (A) No length of extension specified.

Commissioner Mackey makes a motion to grant approval for two years. Commissioner Valentine seconded. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 2-2-1 (10) Application for (provider) certification; renewal. Staff recommended approval.

Keener Township EMS

Commissioner Valentine made a motion grant a two year waiver. Commissioner Turpen seconded. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 2-2-1 (h,4) to allow the Paramedic to function without an EMT-Basic or above in attendance. Staff recommended approval.

Knox County EMS 2 year waiver expires in January, requested due to staffing pattern issues in a rural area.

Commissioner Mackey abstained. Commissioner Valentine made a motion to grant a two year waiver. Commissioner Turpen seconded. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-2-1 (g) for purpose of gaining accreditation for Paramedic Training Institution. Staff recommended denial.

St. Anthony's-Crown Point, IN Previous 2 year waiver expired November 2010. CoAEMSP had received no correspondence or information from St. Anthony's during the previous waiver period. St. Anthony's Paramedic Course began in November 2010, which was not approved by the agency and no documentation provided to agency for accreditation.

Staff made an on-site recommendation, of approval with conditions, due to resent actions of St. Anthony's to come in compliance with EMS Commission Rules.

Commissioner Olinger made a motion to grant a conditional waiver. Conditions are, if CoAEMSP accepts the self study, St. Anthony's is to submit quarterly reports to staff and St. Anthony's is to teach the new paramedic curriculum. Commissioner Turpen seconded. The motion passed.

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

Rescue Squad Organization	8
Basic Life Support Non-Transport	490
Ambulance Service Provider	113
EMT Basic- Advanced Organization	29
EMT Basic- Advanced Organization Non-Transport	15
EMT Intermediate Organization	06
EMT Intermediate Organization Non- Transport	00
Paramedic Organization	185
Paramedic Organization Non- Transport	10
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	20
Fixed Wing Air Ambulance	03
Total	879

No action was needed by the Commission. None was taken.

Rule Violations Investigation Report

Report submitted

Technical Advisory Committee

Report submitted

Commissioner Archer made a motion to replace the current five certification levels of First Responder, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical Technician Basic Advanced. Emergency Medical Technician- Intermediate, and Paramedic, along with their current course curricula, with the new National Certification levels of Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician,

Emergency Medical Technician Advanced and Paramedic, along with their nationally recommended course curricula and the additional training modules for each new certification level as listed in the Technical Advisory Committee recommendations to the Commission as presented on January 21, 2011. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton. The motion passed.

Commissioner Archer made a motion that a formal transition plan be developed by the TAC, with assistance from staff, that takes into account legislative and rule changes that will be required, a fiscal impact study, a plan to educate training institutions and Primary Instructors and an alternative plan to modify existing certification levels in the event that the legislature does not pass needed legislation to support these new certification levels. This transition plan is to be completed by May 30, 2011 and presented to the Commission for action at the July meeting. Commissioner Valentine seconded. The motion passed.

Commissioner Archer made a motion that the TAC, with staff assistance, investigate the administration of EMS Certification Exams, including requirements and cost of creating and administering educationally valid certification exams by the state, by multi-state consortium and by the NREMT, with the following data elements to be included: the requirements of developing educationally valid test banks, the cost to the state for developing and maintaining the test banks and the fiscal impact to EMS certification candidates for all three alternatives. This report should be presented to the Commission at the September, 2011 Commission meeting. Commissioner Valentine seconded. The motion passed.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

No report submitted. No action needed

TRAUMA COMMITTEE REPORT

No action needed

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Gary Robison submitted a report for informational purposes only.

No action needed

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

James B. Howell has appealed.

Commissioner Valentine made a motion to grant James B. Howell's appeal and send it back to the Administrative Law Judge for further review. Commissioner Olinger seconded. The motion passed.

Administrative Law Judge Decisions

Denial of Certification

Christopher Lee Kendall

Commissioner Olinger made a motion to affirm the Administrative Law Judge decision on Christopher Lee Kendall. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Motion passed to affirm decision.

Michael Lee Pollard

Commissioner Olinger made a motion to affirm the Administrative Law Judge decision on Michael Lee Pollard. Commissioner Valentine seconded. Motion passed to affirm decision.

Probationary Certification

Christopher M. Rozens

Commissioner Olinger made a motion to affirm the Administrative Law Judge decision on Christopher M. Rozens. Commissioner Mackey seconded. Motion passed to affirm the decision.

Nathan Robert Strasser

Commissioner Mackey made a motion to affirm the Administrative Law Judge decision on Nathan Robert Strasser. Commissioner Olinger seconded. Motion to affirm passed.

Old Business

No Old Business was presented.

New Business

Ratification of Motions

Commission to ratify approval of waivers described below that were granted at the September 24, 2010, Commission meeting because there was no record of maker and/or second of motions.

The following requested a waiver extension of 836 IAC 4-5-2 (a, 1, D) deadline for purpose of completing PI requirements. Staff recommended approval.

Gregory O. Bare
Joe Hammond
Michael Hunter

Michelle Cook requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-7-2 (a, 2) (b) deadline of affiliation requirements.

Harrison County Hospital requested an extension of previous waiver (18 months) of 836 IAC 4-2-1 (g) to allow them to conduct paramedic training while completing accreditation.

Staff made an on site recommendation of an extension for six (6) months. Harrison County Hospital representative, Gary J. Kleeman, spoke on their behalf and stated that they would accept a six (6) months extension and will hold no classes when the waiver is not in effect. The hospital is affiliated with Sellersburg Ivy Tech.

Commissioner Archer made a motion to ratify. Commissioner Valentine seconded. The motion passed.

Electing a 2011 Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion for Commissioner Gary Miller to serve as Chairman for 2011. Commissioner Archer seconded. The motion passed.

Commissioner Valentine made a motion for Commissioner Lee Turpen to serve as Vice Chairman for 2011. Commissioner Hamilton seconded. The motion passed.

Commissioner Mackey made a motion for Commissioner Terri Hamilton to serve as Secretary for 2011. Commissioner Valentine seconded. The motion passed.

LSA Doc. #10-361

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to adopt LSA Doc. #10-361 to amend 836 IAC 4-4-2, 836 IAC 4-7-3.5, 836 IAC 4-7.1-4 and 836 IAC 4-9-4 to revise recertification procedures, as published in the Indiana Register on November 17, 2010 as DIN: 20101117-IR-836100361PRA. Commissioner Olinger seconded. The motion passed.

Thomas Williams submitted a letter on the TAC recommendations.

No action taken by Commission.

The Indiana Fire Chiefs Association submitted a letter.

Chairman directed the TAC to look into this.

Honorary Certification

David DeGroote

Becky Blagrove gave the following recommendation to the Commisison:

“David DeGroote is a trailblazer of Indiana EMS. He began his career as an advanced first aid Instructor for the General Hospital Ambulance Division (now Wishard Memorial Hospital) almost 38 years ago. He became a nationally registered EMT and participated in the first Wishard Paramedic training program, thus becoming one of the first paramedics in Indiana. He has served in many capacities, most recently as the director of Bloomington Hospital Ambulance Service. David has retired and moved to Florida and has made the difficult decision to not renew his paramedic certification. It is an honor and a privilege to recommend that you grant him an Honorary Lifetime Paramedic Certification.”

Commissioner Valentine made a motion to grant the Honorary Certification. Commissioner Turpen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

HFD – 12 lead

Chairman asked the Indiana Ambulance Association and/or the EMS Association to look into this.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN’S REPORT and DIRECTION:

Staff is directed to issue a sanction against St. Anthony’s for violating the EMS Commission rules.

2011 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

EMS Commission Meetings for 2011

January 21, 2011- Brownsburg Fire Territory
470 E. Northfield Drive

Brownsburg, IN 46112

March 18, 2011- Putnam Hospital
1542 S. Bloomington St
Classrooms 1,2 & 3
Greencastle, IN 46135

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Approved _____
Gary Miller, Chairman